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Construction of Offices and Apartments Spurs Job Creation Efforts on the Near East Side

The building that was formerly located at 905 E. Long Street was known as the Charles and was the home of medical offices for many years. It sat vacant and in disrepair before it was demolished late last year to make way for new offices, retail and apartments. Today, Mayor Michael B. Coleman, the Affordable Housing Trust and Near East Side neighborhood leaders visited the site where construction is underway that has created more than 150 jobs.

“This is another step in the revitalization of the historic King Lincoln District,” Mayor Coleman said. “We are creating jobs for today and building a neighborhood for future generations.”

The new Charles is being constructed with \$2.2 million Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds. Once the building is completed, the Affordable Housing Trust will relocate its office there, bringing eight employees. The Charles will consist of 10 apartments on the upper floors with retail and community space. The eight two-bedroom and two three-bedroom apartments will be available to low-income households.

“The Affordable Housing Trust is very proud of the building that is currently under construction,” said AHT President Steve Gladman. “This building creates local jobs and provides 10 quality affordable housing units for moderate-income families. The Trust will be moving our offices to this building, and we are pleased to be part of the Near East Side Community.”

Mayor Coleman was on hand two weeks ago as Near East Side residents unveiled the NoBo on Long Condominiums. The nine townhome condominiums, located at the corner of E. Long Street and N. 21st Street, are expected to be completed next summer.